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SUBJECT: U.S. POSITION ON STATUS OF UN COUNCIL ON
NAMIBIA AT THE LOS CONFERENCE

1. THERE IS CONTINUING DISAGREEMENT AT THE LOS CONFERENCE
OVER WHETHER AMBASSADOR AMERASINGHE CAN CONTINUE IN OFFICE
AS PRESIDENT. THE QUESTION MAY PRECIPITATE A PROCEDURAL
VOTE, EITHER RECORDED OR BY SHOW OF HANDS, AT ANY TIME.
THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA (UNCN) MAY
ATTEMPT TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY SUCH VOTE. AT THE BEGIN-
NING OF THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE, ON 25 MAY
1977, AMERASINGHE RULED, WITHOUT DISSENT FROM THE CON-
FERENCE, THAT UNCN WAS "INVITED TO PARTICIPATE FULLY
IN" THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE.

2. THE U.S. DELEGATION HAS LEARNED THAT, SHOULD UNCN
PARTICIPATE IN A VOTE, THE UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION WILL
PLACE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON THE RECORD:
"MR. PRESIDENT, MY DELEGATION HAS NOTED THAT THE
UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA APPEARS TO HAVE
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PARTICIPATED IN THE VOTE WHICH HAS JUST TAKEN PLACE. I
WISH TO PLACE ON RECORD THAT NEITHER THIS VOTE, NOR ANY
FURTHER VOTE WHICH MAY BE CAST AT THIS CONFERENCE ON
BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL, CAN EFFECT THE UNITED KINGDOM'S
WELL-KNOWN POSITON ON THE STATUS OF THE UNITED NATIONS
COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA."

3. IN ADDITION TO THE FACT THAT A VOTE IN THE CONFERENCE PLENARY MAY COME UP WITHOUT WARNING, THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE WESTERN FIVE ON NAMIBIA APPROXIMATELY 1100 GENEVA TIME ON FRIDAY 31 MARCH. PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER IS NOW IN AFRICA, THE U.S. DELEGATION WILL, PENDING INSTRUCTIONS, REMAIN SILENT AT WESTERN FIVE ON UCN'S STATUS IN THE CONFERENCE.

- ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

4. NOTE THAT LATE IN THE SIXTH LOS SESSION, THE ISSUE OF UCN'S RIGHT TO VOTE ALMOST AROSE WHILE AMBASSADOR YOUNG WAS IN AFRICA. ON 15 JULY 1977, THE QUESTION OF THE LOCATION OF THE SEVENTH CONFERENCE SESSION WAS PUT TO A VOTE. IT WAS, HOWEVER, BY SECRET BALLOT AND THE DELEGATIONS WERE THUS ABLE TO AVOID TAKING RECORDED POSITIONS ON UCN'S RIGHT TO VOTE. RICHARDSON

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